**Areas of Sikkim claimed by China**

†1079. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALLAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRSbe pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has claimed its right on two bunkers in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the protest that has been done in this regard;

(c) the regions of border-disputes with China and the area of such land; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise

(c) and (d) Indian territory under the occupation by China in Jammu & Kashmir is approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called China-Pakistan "Boundary Agreement" of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Arunachal Pradesh and about 2000 sq. kms. in the Middle Sector of the India-China boundary.

**Indians in foreign prisons**

1080 SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRSbe pleased to state

(a) the details of Indians in foreign prisions of Asian and Non-Asian countries.

(b) whether Government has observed any difference in the nature of charges under which Indian citizens have been detained in the Asian and Non-Asian countries;

(c) whether Government has ascertained that such detainees have the legal aid available to them; and

(d) the arrangements that have been made by our missions in respective countries to provide the consular service to detainees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) According to the latest information available, the number of Indian prisoners in Asian and Non-Asian countries are 4681 and 516 respectively. The charges on which these Indians are held in foreign jails have a common profile and no significant difference is observed in the nature of charges between Asian and Non-Asian countries. Country-wise details are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Indian Missions and Posts abroad make all possible efforts to provide necessary assistance to Indians under detention in foreign prisons which include requesting local authorities for speedy trials, seeking remission of sentence, seeking consular access to detainees and prisoners, providing advice and guidance in legal and other matter, ensuring fair and humane treatment in foreign jails and facilitating repatriation to India of those who are released.

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